

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A chair comprising:

a base;

a seat plate supported above said base;

a seat pan slidably mounted to said seat plate so as to be slidable in the longitudinal direction;

operating means for sliding said seat pan in the longitudinal direction;

said seat pan further comprising a longitudinal guide channel for receiving said operating means;

said operating means further comprising transversely movable locking means that engage said seat plate to lock said seat pan in a fixed longitudinal position with respect to said seat plate;

~~The chair of claim 7~~ wherein said seat plate comprises a plurality of notches and said ~~receiving means~~ guide channel comprises at least one aperture, said ~~engaging~~ locking means being movable between an extended position wherein said ~~engaging~~ locking means extend through said ~~apertures~~ at least one aperture to engage at least one of said plurality of notches, and

a retracted position wherein said ~~engaging~~ locking means are retracted from said at least one
~~apertures~~ aperture so as not to engage said notches.

9. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 8 wherein said ~~longitudinally~~ operating means comprises guide means for guiding the movement of said ~~engaging~~ locking means.

10. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 9 wherein said ~~engaging~~ locking means comprises a boss received within said guide means such that said ~~engaging~~ locking means ~~move~~ moves in response to movement of said ~~longitudinally~~ operating means.

11. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 10 further including biasing means for biasing said ~~longitudinally~~ operating means to move so that the ~~engaging~~ locking means are in the extended position.

12. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 11 wherein said biasing means operates on said ~~longitudinal~~ operating means.

13. (Original) The chair of claim 12 wherein said biasing means operates on said seat pan.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A chair comprising:

a base;

a seat plate supported above said base;

a seat pan slidably mounted to said seat plate so as to be slidable in the

longitudinal direction; and

a longitudinally operating activating arm for sliding said seat pan in a longitudinal direction with respect to said seat plate,

said seat pan having a longitudinal guide channel formed therein for receiving said activating arm, said chair ~~The chair of claim 13~~ further comprising means for locking said seat pan in a fixed longitudinal position relative to said seat plate, said locking means operating in cooperation with said longitudinally operating activating arm.

19. (Original) The chair of claim 18 wherein said locking means comprises at least one transversely movable locking pin for engaging said seat plate.

20. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 19 wherein said seat plate comprises a plurality of notches and said ~~receiving means is~~ a guide channel comprising at least one aperture, said at least one locking pin having an end and being movable between an extended position wherein said end of said at least one locking pin extends through said at least one aperture to engage at least one of said notches, and a retracted position wherein said end of said at least one locking pin is retracted from said at least one aperture so as not to engage said at least one notch.

21. (Original) The chair of claim 18 wherein said longitudinally operating activating arm comprises guide means for guiding the movement of said locking means.

22. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 21 wherein said locking means comprises a boss received within said guide means such that said locking means moves in response to movement of said longitudinally operating activating arm ~~means~~.

23. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 18 further including biasing means for biasing said longitudinally operating ~~means~~ activating arm to move so that said locking means are in an extended position.

24. (Original) The chair of claim 23 wherein said biasing means is a spring having first and second opposed ends.

25. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 24 wherein said first end of said spring urges against said longitudinal operating ~~means~~ activating arm.

26. (Original) The chair of claim 25 wherein said second end of said spring urges against said seat pan.